

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ A pad for application to the human skin, to develop a decongestant, cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical action, ~~consisting of~~ comprising a flexible porous support, on at least one surface of which is applied a layer of gel ~~consisting of~~ an intimate mixture comprising between 50% and 77% of water, between 6.5% and 44% of a dermatologically compatible polymer, between 0% and 10% of a substance of plant origin comprising essential oils and aromatic extracts; and between 0% and 10% of at least one dermatologically compatible component chosen from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of soothing, skin repairing, cicatrising, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic and bactericidal substances, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gel comprises between 0.01% and 5.2% of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal tetraborate, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said support consists of a non-woven fabric made of fibres chosen from the group consisting of viscose, polyester and polyethylene fibres, mixed polyester/viscose fibres, cotton and linen, said fabric support having a thickness between 15 and 200 microns, a density from 65 to 145 g/dm³ and a weight between 15 and 150 g/m².

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001% and 5.2% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary

component chosen from the group consisting of solvents, wetting agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilizers, solubilizers, surfactants, colorants, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 2, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001% and 5.2% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component chosen from the group consisting of solvents, wetting agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilizers, solubilizers, surfactants, colorants, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001% and 5.2% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component chosen from the group consisting of solvents, wetting agents, preservatives, emulsifiers, stabilizers, solubilizers, surfactants, colorants, the percentages being by weight.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 2, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Pad~~ The pad as claimed in claim 4, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 11 (New): A decongestant comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 12 (New): A cosmetic comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 13 (New): A pharmaceutical comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 14 (New): A decongestant nasal patch comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 15 (New): A pharmaceutical eye patch comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.